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C O N F I D E N T I A L TOKYO 2076

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: UN, PARM, PFOR, JA

SUBJ: UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT (SSOD)

REF: STATE 26795

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEBRUARY 10, FONOFF DISARMAMENT  
DIVDIR WATANABE SAID THAT GOJ THINKING ON SSOD WAS STILL IN EMBR-  
YONIC STAGE AND THAT QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE PREPCON TACTICS HAD  
NOT YET BEEN ADDRESSED WITHIN FONOFF. HE OBSERVED THAT AS GENERAL  
PRINCIPLE GOJ BELIEVED THAT QUIET DIPLOMACY AT GENEVA CCD PROVIDED  
MOST CONSTRUCTIVE APPROACH TO ARMS CONTROL. JAPAN'S PRIMARY IN-  
TEREST WOULD BE THAT SSOD NOT DETRACT FROM CCD. WHILE GOJ WOULD  
WORK WITH US A D WESTERN ALLIES FOR "REALISTIC" SSOD, WATANABE  
FEARED SESSION WOULD NONETHELESS BE DOMINATED BY NON-ALIGNED MORAL  
POSTURING. HE SPECULATED THAT ALTHOUGH CAREFUL GROUNDWORK AT PREP-  
CONS WOULD BE USEFUL IN SHAPING SSOD OUTCOME, IDEAL SOLUTION WOULD  
BE PRE-EMPTION OF SSOD RHETORIC WITH CONCRETE RESULTS FROM CCD.  
SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS TOWARDS CTB DRAFT ACCEPTABLE TO US AND SOVIETS  
BY SSOD'S OPENING IN MAY 1978 MIGHT UNDERCUT FAMILIAR NON-ALIGNED  
ARGUMENT THAT MOST CRITICAL PROBLEM WAS VERTICAL EXPANSION OF  
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SUPERPOWERS' ARSENALS AND NOT HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION OF WEAPONRY  
THROUGHOUT WORLD.

2. WATANABE SAID THAT JAPAN WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT MARCH PREPCON  
BY MEMBERS OF ITS UN MISSION. AMABASSADOR OGISO WOULD PROBABLY HEAD  
JAPANESE DELEGATION TO SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS.

3. WATANABE WAS CAREFUL TO DESCRIBE HIS COMMENTS AS "PERSONAL VIEWS"  
AND PROMISED TO BRIEF EMBOFF AS OFFICIAL JAPANESE POSITION ON  
SSOD AGENDA AND TACTICS DEVELOPED. IN TURN, HE URGED THAT US KEEP  
JAPAN INFORMED AS ARMS CONTROL POLICIES OF NEW US ADMINISTRATION  
BEGIN TO GEL.  
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